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BIRTH.
On the 29th instant, at Amoy, Mrs. H. LIVINGSTONE, of a daughter.—Shanghai papers please copy.

DEATH.
At Pakhoi, on 29th instant, the wife of GEO. A. FORBETH, Tidewater, Pakhoi Customs.—Shanghai papers please copy.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VŒUX ROAD
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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JANUARY 31ST, 1910.

If the estimate ROUTER has given us of the damage caused by the floods in France be at all approximately correct, the terrible calamity which has just fallen upon the people of France can be set down at once as the most expensive, though it may not be the most extensive, in the lengthy list of such disasters which the history of the whole civilised world affords. There have probably been inundations in many parts of the world, and even in France, affecting more extensive areas, but there is no record of a similar disaster anywhere which has entailed damage to the enormous extent of forty million pounds sterling. It is four or five days since that estimate was formed. The floods were then believed to have done their worst, but news still comes of further disaster, and presumably the original estimate has had to be daily enlarged. The telegrams so far received have been almost regarding the damage done in the country, but as the Seine flows for nearly five hundred miles before it enters the English Channel at Havre, it is extremely probable that the riverine districts for scores of miles have shared the deplorable consequences of the abnormal rise in the river, which has followed incessant rains and the melting of snow. Those who know the beautiful capital

of France are best able to realise the sad picture which the telegrams present—the river, which is here from 300 to 500 feet wide, rising up to the parapets of some of the bridges, flooding the Champs Elysees and the Esplanade des Invalides, and spreading until Central Paris is a veritable lake; the world-renowned buildings surrounded by water; roaring torrents rushing through the tunnels where the city trains are accustomed to run; people isolated for days in the upper stories of their houses starving and appealing for food; and finally the sacking of shops by people whom the ever-increasing waters have made homeless and hungry. The picture is one which commands the sympathy of the wide world, especially as in these days of travel no city of the world, unless it be London, is probably visited by a larger number of strangers than is Paris. Our telegram mentions the opening by the Lord Mayor of London of a Mansion House Fund, to which His Majesty the King has contributed a thousand guineas and Her Majesty the Queen a thousand pounds. Doubtless a large fund will be available for distribution in a very few days.

The opening of this Fund will recall memories of previous occasions on which the people of England have shown their sympathy with France at a time of national distress. We believe we are correct in saying that the first Mansion House Fund was the Fund opened for the relief of the sufferers by the siege of Paris in 1871, a fund which amounted to £126,609; but fifteen years previous to this, when immense damage was caused by inundations in the South of France, subscriptions amounting to £48,000 were raised in London for the relief of the sufferers. Within the last century France has on three or four occasions experienced great inundations, but never before, we believe, has Paris itself suffered any serious damage from such a cause. Fortunately we miss in the telegrams which now claim the world's attention any news of loss of life or of the collapse of houses, such as are often incidental to extensive inundations of this description. When in 1875, for instance, a large part of Toulouse was destroyed by the rising of the Garonne, about a thousand lives were lost, and the St. Cyprien quarter converted into a republique. The damage done in Paris seems to be confined entirely to property. As to the extent of the destruction which the Government of France has so suddenly been called upon to cope with as a result of the floods, the cables have given us but little information, but what to-day's telegrams tell us of a food riot and of people who have been without food since Wednesday last, crying out for supplies from the upper stories of their houses, serve to show that the inhabitants in the inundated parts of the capital have reached a state of desperation which calls for urgent relief, and explains the opening of the Mansion House Fund. Wherever the news is read there will be genuine sympathy for France, and if the need for the relief of suffering is shown to be greater and more urgent than local resources can adequately meet, ready aid could be counted upon from all parts of the civilised world. Meanwhile, let us hope that the full tale of the disaster has already been told, and that the next news may be of the abatement of the floods as rapidly as it arose.

Mr. Bandmann while at Shanghai last week was making investigations with a view to building a theatre in the Settlement. The appointment of Messrs. D. W. Craddock, T. F. Hough and A. Shelton Hooper as members of the Licensing Board is gazetted. Mr. E. A. Hardley having resigned the post of assistant to the Secretary and Capt. Supt. of Police at Kulangsu, arrangements for engaging a successor have been left to the incoming Council. The 3rd Brahmins will relieve the 13th Rajputs in the first week of next year, and the 8th Rajputs will take the place of the 105th Mahattas. It has been decided by the Kulangsu Municipal Council to form a sinking fund for the redemption of debentures. Two thousand dollars, to be set aside for this purpose are out of the surplus carried forward from 1909.

The Shanghai Mercury says:—"We greatly regret to learn that Mr. James McKie, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co. is at present seriously ill in hospital, but having such a strong and robust constitution we hope soon to hear that he has recovered."

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board to be held to-morrow a letter from the Government relative to the emptying of the Albany reservoir will be read. The Head of the Department will submit a minute relative to the conservancy and scavenging contract for Kwai-lon. Complaints against the city and Shanghai scavenging contractor will be dealt with, and a report by the Colonial Veterinary Surgeon of a case of anthrax at the Kennedy Town cattle depot will be considered.

The Chinese paper of the 19th says:—"The inner harbour since the last gale has assumed quite an Arctic appearance—all the floating being the water being thickly coated with ice. Sampans experienced difficulty yesterday morning in making headway through the floating ice."

A Peking telegram in a Shanghai native paper states that the Prince Regent has asked the Grand Commission whether the problem of abolishing the extraterritorial rights of the foreign Consuls should be placed before the next meeting of The Hague Tribunal.

The feature of the bright service at St. Peter's Church yesterday morning was the attendance of some 290 blue-jackets from the Bedford who joined heartily in the singing, especially the favourite hymn "The Church's one foundation." Bishop Lander preached the sermon.

The fourth and last performance of "La Mascotte" was given by the juveniles at the Club Lusitano on Saturday night. All the nervousness which characterized the efforts of the performers on the opening night was on this occasion conspicuous by its absence, and the interpretation of the opera was excellent.

At the last meeting of the Kulangsu Municipal Council, Amoy, the question of engaging the services of a qualified nurse, as Municipal Visiting Nurse, was further discussed, and it was decided to set aside the sum of \$700 in the Budget for 1910 for such a purpose and to refer the matter to the ratepayers in the Council's annual report for 1909. The terms of engagement, fee to be charged, &c., being left in the hands of the Health Officer.

An inquiry was held at the Marine Magistrate's Court on Saturday, before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N., into charges of negligence preferred against the master and engineer of waterboat No. 7, belonging to the Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. The cause of the inquiry was the sinking of the waterboat in question at North Point through the coxswain alleged, the water getting into the engine-room. This allegation was denied by the engineer. After hearing the evidence his Worship announced that he could not come to any conclusion as to the cause of the casualty, but the coxswain, by his admission, showed that he was guilty of gross carelessness, and his certificate would be suspended for three months.

BALLOON ASCENT.

The postponed balloon ascent took place on Saturday afternoon near Hall's godowns at Tsim Tsa Choi under ideal conditions. So great was the interest in the event that the ferry launches were kept running all the afternoon and the numbers of people who went over must have amounted to several thousands. All the available points of vantage on the various uplands were occupied, but nevertheless fully a thousand people paid for admission within the enclosure. Here the spectacle of inflating the balloon and preparing the parachute was witnessed, but of course the most exciting event was the balloon leaving the earth. Mr. Baldwin was of the opinion that he had not a sufficient supply of gas to raise the balloon with his weight, and his assistant, who is more lightly built, took his place. The ascent was beautiful. The balloon, with the parachutist suspended, rose quickly when liberated at half-past five. There was little or no wind, and it ascended within five or six minutes to a height of about three thousand feet. Then the aeronaut detached himself from the balloon, and almost immediately the folds of the parachute spread outwards and the daring man slowly descended. He swayed considerably and the thousands of spectators gazed with wonder and amazement at the plucky aeronaut. The conditions were so perfect that not the slightest fear seemed to be entertained, and the downward course of the parachutist was followed with the keenest interest. He alighted in the water some distance in front of the godowns and not very far from the place where he went up. Five launches had been in readiness in various parts of the harbour to pick him up, and he was taken from the water very easily. Meanwhile the smoke issuing from the balloon indicated what was happening. The gas or hot air was escaping. First the top part of the covering was seen to become slack, then a portion fell inwards, and by this time the balloon began to turn somersaults. Soon the descending sphere collapsed, and then it shot down like a dragon, with a tail directing its zig-zag course. This descent was quite picturesque, but the wonder which it caused was of short duration. His flight accelerated and then it dropped into the sea some way from the godowns and was retrieved by one of the launches.

TROUBLE ON A P. & O. LINER.

FOURTEEN coloured men, firemen and trimmers on board the P. & O. liner *Sunda*, loading for China and Japan in the Royal Albert Dock, were charged at the East Yarmouth Court on December 20th with wilfully disobeying the lawful commands of the officers of the ship. In September they signed on the ship at Bombay to serve the company for twelve months. On December 27 and 28 the fourteen men refused to go to work on board the ship, saying that on the voyage to England the second engineer had been very cruel to them. The engineer in question denied that he had ever struck any of the men, and the other officers of the ship said that no complaints had ever been made to them, the chief engineer saying that he believed it was a conspiracy to get rid of the second engineer. The second engineer added that it was a cold trip to Japan, and the men did not want to go there. The magistrate: "I think the best thing I can do is to send them to jail for fourteen days. The prisoners wish to leave the *Sunda*, and as she sails this week they will have attained their object."

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[ROUTER'S SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

THE GENERAL ELECTION.

LATEST RESULTS.

LONDON, January 30th.

LIBERALS	272
UNIONISTS	271
LABOURITES	40
NATIONALISTS	70
Total elected	653
To be elected	8
UNIONIST GAINS	127
LIBERAL GAINS	20
LABOURITES	1

UNIONIST GAINS.

Buteshire
Droitwich
Huntingdon (N)

FULL RETURNS.

UNIONISTS.	LIBERALS.
Lewes	Manaford
Buteshire	Westbury
Huntingdon (N)	Fifehead
Honiton	Osgoldcross
Antrim (S)	Invernesshire
Stamford	Frome
Droitwich	Dumfriesshire
Dublin (S)	Bosworth
	Elford
	Ross and Cromarty
	Forest of Dean
	Jarrow
	NATIONALISTS
	Kerry (N)
	Fermanagh (S)
	Tyrone (S)

UNIONIST GAINS.
Buteshire ... Mr. J. Lambert, N. ... 120
Droitwich ... Mr. C. B. Harnsworth (L) 554
Huntingdon (N) Mr. A. C. Foster Boulton L381

RESULTS TO COME.

Of the eight results which have not yet come to hand four are in Ireland and four in Scotland. The Scottish Universities' poll having yet to be declared, as well as that of the scattered islands of Orkney and Shetland and one of the groups of boroughs.

TYPHOID FEVER FROM EATING

OYSTERS.

We take this headline from a Home paper which reports an action tried recently in the High Court, resulting in a Chatham hotel-keeper being mulcted in heavy damages for supplying to a customer oysters which led to his serious illness from typhoid fever. The case will have an interest for readers in Hongkong and the Far East generally at this time of the year, when there is a demand for Amoy oysters. Two cases of typhoid fever in Hongkong recently have been attributed to eating raw oysters, and we reproduce the report of this action in the High Court because it gives a much-needed warning to those who sell oysters as well as to those who eat them. If oysters must be eaten, they should be well cooked. Then they may be innocuous. The report reads—

An action was recently tried before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury in which the plaintiff, Leslie Cardie, a student in the Royal Navy, and Henry Kloockhousch, a hotel-keeper at Chatham, for negligence in supplying him with oyster at dinner from which he contracted typhoid fever. A brother officer, like himself in command of a torpedo-boat destroyer lying off Sheerness, who dined with the plaintiff on the night when the oysters were alleged to have been eaten, had also been taken ill with typhoid fever and had died. The plaintiff was the only witness as to the fact of his having eaten oysters at the defendant's inn on the night alleged, his companion being dead, and the fact that he had eaten them was denied by the defendant, whose books did not show that any oysters had been supplied to customers on the day named. Ample medical evidence was, however, given as to the illness of the plaintiff, as to the dates on which both officers were first medically attended, as to the normal period of incubation of the disease, as to the absence of other cases in the fleet, as to the nature of the contamination of oysters, and as to the fact that the medical officer at Chatham also alleged to the fact of certain areas in the Medway were liable to be infected by sewage from Rochester and Chatham, and that oyster beds had been closed by order of the Fisheries Commission. The chamberlain of the Rochester fisheries was also a witness with regard to the contamination of certain beds, which he specified, in the neighbourhood of Chatham and the steps taken to prevent dredging from them. It was contended on the part of the defendant that he had taken all reasonable care and that it was not proved that the illness of the plaintiff was due to his having eaten oysters on the date alleged at the defendant's house. The questions left by the Lord Chief Justice to the jury were as follows:—"Did the plaintiff contract typhoid fever from any oysters supplied by the defendant? Did the plaintiff rely on the skill and judgment of the defendant to supply him with clean and proper food? Assuming that the oysters were supplied by the defendant to the plaintiff, was the defendant negligent in not ascertaining the quality of the oysters? The above questions, upon which the liability of the defendant was held to depend, were all answered in the affirmative by the jury, and as this constituted a finding for the plaintiff, a verdict as to the damages was added—namely, \$504, to include \$100 in addition to the "special damages" claimed. The latter were made up of expenses of medical treatment and of loss of pay due to the illness. Judgment was given for the above amount, a stay of execution being granted subject to the money being paid into court."

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THE DISASTROUS FLOODS

IN FRANCE.

FOOD RIOTS IN THE CAPITAL.

MANSION HOUSE FUND OPENED.

LONDON, January 29th.

The Seine is still rising, and the waters have reached the parapets of some of the bridges.

The floods have flowed over the parapet of the Quai Conference and are flooding the Champs Elysees and the Esplanade Invalides.

The Lord Mayor of London has opened a Mansion House Fund.

The Pope of Rome has sent to the Archbishop of Paris a large donation.

LATER.

There is incessant rain and the floods are steadily spreading.

Central Paris is a lake. All the notable buildings are surrounded by water, and trees and lamp-posts are falling.

Water is flowing in roaring torrents through the tunnels of the Metropolitan railway.

The inhabitants in Rue Dominique have been without food since Wednesday. They are thronging at the windows crying for food.

The first food riots occurred this morning, two shops being sacked. Revolver shots were fired and a woman was wounded.

H. M. King Edward has sent to the Mansion House Fund a thousand guineas, and H. M. Queen Alexandra has sent a thousand pounds.

The floods were due originally to the great rivers being swollen abnormally by heavy rains, aggravated subsequently by a fall of snow which melted rapidly.

SNOW AND GALES IN EUROPE.

LONDON, January 29th.

Snow and gales are disorganising the telegraphs in England and France.

There have been a number of wrecks on the French and Spanish coast, and many people have been drowned.

HUNGARIAN POLITICS.

NO CONFIDENCE IN THE CABINET.

LONDON, January 29th.

The Hungarian Diet by a large majority passed a vote of no confidence in the Cabinet on the 17th inst.

M. Hedervary thereupon read a Decree adjourning the Diet until March 24th.

AN AUSTRO-RUSSIAN RAPPROCHEMENT.

LONDON, January 30th.

Reports of an Austro-Russian rapprochement are confirmed by a statement published at Berlin, which says that though it is too early to speak of formal negotiations, there is no doubt that the rapprochement has been the subject of diplomatic conversations.

The German Government views the rapprochement with the utmost benevolence.

A BRIGHTON EXPRESS DERAILED.

PASSENGERS KILLED AND INJURED.

LONDON, January 30th.

An express from Brighton was derailed while travelling at forty miles an hour near Storr's Nest.

Eighteen persons were killed and twenty injured.

[The cable reads: "Eight ten," which may mean "eighteen" or "eight or ten."]

KAISER'S BROTHER ADMIRAL OF THE BRITISH FLEET.

LONDON, January 30th.

H. M. King Edward has promoted Prince Henry of Prussia to be an Admiral of the Fleet.

RANDOM REFLECTIONS.

Election excitement has been well sustained during the week, but it is not unlikely that it will subside in a day or two, as the practical result is now certain. The Ministerialists go back to office, but the whip hand being held by the small parties they are certain to use it; and the duration of the next Parliament depends on the patience of the Liberals towards their pseudo supporters, the Nationalists and the Labourites. Though the latter are numerically smaller than in the last Parliament they are stronger than before because of the weakness of the Ministerialists.

Appropos the present general election and the principal issue at stake, I am reminded of the small boy who on an examination paper described Gay Fawkes as a "wise and generous man who tried to blow up the House of Lords." The people who nowadays are trying to "blow up the House of Lords" are not usually described as wise and generous.

Hongkong's election for the three seats on the Licensing Board was very dull. One man tells me that when he looked into the polling booth he found three officials, two Chinese clerks, a doorkeeper, and one candidate, all looking with interest at the man who had come to cast a vote. But perhaps my informant was envious because he was not one of the elect to exercise the franchise on this occasion.

The Volunteer Dances, always regarded as a pleasant little affair, has this year eclipsed all its predecessors, and the event must now rank as one of greater social importance than before. Friday night's gathering seemed to be almost as numerous as at St. Andrew's Hall. Both halls were crowded with dancers, and some new and beautiful costumes were worn by the ladies. The Volunteers have little to learn as hosts.

The balloon ascent on Saturday afternoon directed the thoughts of most people to the triumphs which have recently been achieved in the air, but it reminds me of the Australian story of the small boy who was found by his mother looking rather disconsolate. She asked him what was the matter, and he replied: "I was out in the paddock flying my kite, and it went up and up and up, and then God snatched it!"

It is well nigh twenty years since there was a balloon ascent in Hongkong before. Then it took place in the neighbourhood of the Happy Valley. On that occasion the parachutist who made the descent became entangled in a tree on Morrison Hill Road.

It may have been a coincidence, or it may be that the head-master overheard. A spectator standing near the place where the balloon went up on Saturday remarked that it was a pity the band could not play some appropriate music. Just then it struck up the old air, "Up in a balloon, boys."

The Governor did well at the prize distribution the other day not to magnify the boys who lift prizes, and his words of encouragement to the unsuccessful were very wise indeed. The bright schoolboy does not always turn out a genius, and if we remember our stories of great men we recall that most of them were rather dull in early years. Some were even duffers, but they showed their mettle in later life when they were not compelled to conform to the uniformity of school discipline.

To say that the Magistracy in its present locality is inconvenient is of course to state the obvious, and it will not therefore be out of place to ventilate the hope which has been expressed more than once than when the Supreme Court vacates the present premises for the new Law Courts that these will be utilised for the Magistracy. Of course, I have no expert professional opinion to guide me, but it seems to me an ordinary lay mind that there is plenty of accommodation for all the needs of such an establishment. It might be less convenient perhaps for the police than the present, but that objection should not be insuperable.

The Chinese have original ways of viewing certain subjects. During the recent trial of one of the many counterfeiters a witness described the spurious coin as a "peace money." Asked to explain the meaning of the phrase, he said that it was called peace money because "you did not worry if you lost it." The Solomonian utterance, of course, produced a smile.

It is a feature of the progressive age that a Chinese nurse should advertise for a position of looking after children on the voyage to England, as she wishes to further educate herself. Such a thirst for knowledge ought not to be discouraged.

The Sanitary Department is quite daring. It proposes now to introduce bullocks for pulling trucks instead of the coolies who do duty at present. There seems little reason why the experiment should not prove successful, though I can imagine that we might hear complaints as to depriving men of their employment. I believe the innovation is to be tried on the Kowloon side.

REVEREND RANDOM.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The C. & M. str. *Bubi* left Manila on the 29th inst., and is due here to-day at 6 p.m.
The N.Y.K. str. *Kumagata Maru* (European Line) left Singapore on the 28th inst., and is expected here on the 3rd prox.
The P. & O. str. *Asiatic* left Singapore for this port on the 29th inst., at 7 p.m., with the outward English Mails, and is due here on Friday the 4th prox., at about 6 a.m.
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H.M. NAVAL YARD,
Hongkong, 31st January, 1910. [235]

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-MORROW (TUESDAY), the 1st FEBRUARY, 1910, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 5, Paddocks Hill, Ground Floor, the contents of the

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THE THIRTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, 81, George Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, 5th FEBRUARY, 1910, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Manager for the year ending 31st December, 1909, and for the purpose of electing a Committee of Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on MONDAY, the 31st JANUARY, until SATURDAY, the 5th FEBRUARY, 1910, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Managers, Hongkong, 22nd January, 1910. [211]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1910, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, the 3rd FEBRUARY, to MONDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, A. SHELTON HOOPER, Secretary to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited, Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [232]

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS. THE EIGHTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, declaring a Dividend, and confirming the appointment of a Director and closing the books of the Company.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on the 25th JANUARY to the 8th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary, Hongkong, 17th January, 1910. [180]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of this Company will be held at the Company's Registered Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, Central, on TUESDAY, the 8th FEBRUARY, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1909.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to 19th FEBRUARY (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be effected.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [225]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 19th day of FEBRUARY, 1910, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1909.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the 19th FEBRUARY, 1910 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. E. M. SMITH, Chief Manager, Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [233]

MITSU BISHI DOCKYARD AND ENGINE WORKS, NAGASAKI

CODE WORD: "DOCK." A.I. A.B.C. and Engineering Code Used. NEW DOCK NOW OPEN. DOCK No. 3. Extreme Length... 722 feet. Length on Blocks... 714. Width of Entrance on Top... 63. Width of Entrance on Bottom... 83. Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 34. DOCK No. 1. Extreme Length... 523 feet. Length on Blocks... 513. Width of Entrance on Top... 88. Width of Entrance on Bottom... 77. Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 63. DOCK No. 2. Extreme Length... 371 feet. Length on Blocks... 350. Width of Entrance on Top... 66. Width of Entrance on Bottom... 53. Water on Blocks at Spring Tide... 22. PATENT SLIP. Suitable for vessels up to 1,000 tons. THE WORKS are well equipped with the LATEST PLANTS and APPLIANCES for undertaking BUILDING or BREAKING SHIPS, ENGINES and BOILERS, and also ELECTRICAL WORK.

A LARGE STOCK of MATERIALS is always kept on hand. The COMPANY has the powerful steamers "OURA-MARU" (712 tons, 700 H.P.) specially built for SALVAGE PURPOSES, equipped with necessary gear, always ready for short notice. [85]

INTIMATIONS

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

NOTICE. THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce will be held THIS DAY (MONDAY), the 31st JANUARY, 1910, at 4 P.M., in the City Hall, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1909.
- (2) To elect a New Committee.
- (3) To transact any general business.

E. A. M. WILLIAMS, Secretary, Hongkong, 31st January, 1910. [219]

NOTICE

THE only Edition of the RACE BOOK, and PROGRAMMES Authorised by the Stewards of the JOCKEY CLUB are those printed by Messrs. NORMAN & Co., 1, F. ROUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [223]

RACE BOOKS, 1910

Leather-Covered... \$2.00 each. Cloth-Covered... 1.75. Paper-Covers... 1.00. May be had from NORMAN & Co., (Printers to the HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB), KELLY & WALSH, Ltd., BREWER & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 27th January, 1910. [223]

THE CHINA AND JAPAN TELEPHONE AND ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

THE COMPANY begs to announce to its Shareholders that, on account of serious losses sustained by them during the past 2 years, due to the low Rates of Exchange prevailing during that period, and after April 1st next, Accounts for Telephone Rentals will be rendered in Sterling.

That is to say, for Ordinary Exchange Lines, the Subscription Rate of £10 per annum (as provided in the Company's charter) will be charged, instead of the present rate of \$100. In the same way, all other rentals will in future be charged out in Sterling at the rate of 10 dollars to the pound sterling; i.e., for a rental now costing \$25 per annum the charge from the 1st April next will be £2 10s. Accounts will be rendered in advance quarterly as heretofore, and the amount of each quarter's rental will be calculated in dollars at the "Demand" rate of Exchange ruling at the first day of the quarter covered by the Debit Note.

The above notification does not affect present Subscribers under agreements, until such agreements shall expire.

A. M. MARSHALL, Acting Manager, Hongkong, 28th January, 1910. [229]

DAVID COSSAR & SON'S

MERCHANT-NAVY. NAVY-BOILED. LONG FLAX. RELIANCE CROWN. TARPULING. ARNOLD, KARBURG & CO. Sole Agents, 15351

TO LET

GODOWNS No. 7, 8 and 10, and the Top Floor of No. 3, (Tung Lap Ting's Godowns East Point). Immediate Possession. Rent exceptionally moderate. Apply to—KAM FOOK, No. 107, Wellington Street, behind the Stock Exchange, or Keesey, No. 5, Godown on the Spot. Hongkong, 28th May, 1909. [93]

OFFICES TO LET

ON the Second Floor, No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Central, corner of Lee-Hong Street, SIX COMMODIOUS and AIRY ROOMS, with Lavatory and Kitchen attached. For Terms apply to—H. PERCY SMITH, F.C.A. Receiver: L. M. ADVANCE & Co., in Voluntary Liquidation, No. 5, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [152]

TO LET

TOP FLOOR of No. 25, Des Vaux Road Central, in occupation of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw & Co., Ltd., suitable for Office. Immediate possession. Rent moderate. Apply to—S. BISNEY, Hongkong, 21st January, 1910. [198]

TO LET

IN No. 5, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, FIRST FLOOR of No. 4, Des Vaux Road, recently vacated by Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders. In No. 5, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, Victoria Buildings, Rooms suitable for Office. ROOMS in College Chambers No. 31 Wyndham Street. DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 24th January, 1910. [95]

TO LET

A HOUSE in KNOTSFORD TERRACE, Kowloon. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 20th January, 1910. [193]

TO LET OR FOR SALE

DERRINGTON, PEAK ROAD, No. 8. SHORNCLEIFFE Garden Road, 7. For Particulars apply to—C. SCHROEDER, King's Buildings, 11th Fl., Care of Garra, Blythe & Co., Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [85]

TO LET

GODOWN, No. 4, Praya, Kennedy Town. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [90]

TO LET

TO LET—FURNISHED

THE GROVE, Macdonnell Road, Hongkong, 8-Bedroom House, fitted with Electric Light, detached Servants' Quarters and Tennis Court, from 1st May, 1910. Apply to—PERCY SMITH & SETH, Hongkong, 11th January, 1910. [159]

TO LET

NOS. 52 and 59, CAINE ROAD. Apply to—HO Y. MING, 81, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [96]

TO LET

KING'S BUILDINGS. OFFICES facing the Harbour from about October at present in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [89]

TO LET—FURNISHED

TANTALLON, 126A, BARKER ROAD. Rent \$225 per Month. Seen by appointment only. Apply to—GODDARD & DOUGLAS, Hongkong, 9th December, 1909. [100]

TO LET—FURNISHED

FROM 1st APRIL NEXT. NO. 7, PEAK ROAD, known as "KUR-HAUSSEN," a 5-Bedroom BUNGALOW, with Good Servants' and Coolies' Quarters and a Garden. Apply to—DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 12th January, 1910. [160]

TO LET

TWO ROOMS in Hotel Mansions, First Floor, facing the New Post Office, suitable for Office. Apply to—HENRY HUMPHREYS, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 10th January, 1910. [151]

TO LET

NO. 2, BEAONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground. No. 4, CONDUI ROAD, 5 ROOMS, from 1st April, 1910. From 1st March, 1910, on year, a NEW 3-BEDROOM BUNGALOW at junction of Kennedy Road and Wyndham Street (Gasp. Tenants from 1st May, 1910, MOUNT GOUGH, 119, Peak, Plantation Road, Fully Furnished, 2 Sitting Rooms and 4 Bed and Bath Rooms, and use of Tennis Court with others. PREMISES lately vacated by Messrs. Gordon & Co., known as 21, Whitefield, Shaan-ti Road. PREMISES at SHAMWEN, CANTON, lately in occupation of the Canton Kowloon Railway. CHELTONDALE (furnished), No. 109, Peak, 1st April to 1st October, 1910. THE EYRE, No. 43, Peak, Six Rooms, Tennis Court and large Garden. BEAONSFIELD ARCADE, 2 Rooms on 1st Floor, well suited for Office. No. 25, SHELLEY STREET (new House). GODOWNS in Duddell Street. HOUSES in BELLIOS TERRACE, Robinson Road, newly painted and color-washed, exceptionally cheap rentals. FOR SALE—Two Cases, at Peak, commanding a magnificent view of the Harbour and adjacent Islands. Apply to—LEWIS & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings, Hongkong, 29th January, 1910. [91]

TO LET

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [88]

TO BE LET

WITH Possession from March, 1910. (Unfurnished or if desired the furniture could be taken over at valuation.) "IAN MOR," Peak Road. Six Rooms, semi-detached house, commanding a good view of the harbour. Tennis Court and Vegetable Garden. NEW and COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals. KOWLOON MARINE LOT 48, Yau-mat, Area 85,200 square feet with 256 feet Sea Frontage. Especially suited for Storage of Coal, Timber, &c. Apply to—HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED, Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [99-109]

TO LET

GODOWNS in MASON'S LANE, between Wyndham and Zedek Streets, lately vacated by Messrs. Barretto & Co., suitable for Cinematograph show or storage. Apply to—DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 5th January, 1910. [130]

TO LET

A HOUSE in Wong Nai Chung Road. OFFICES to let, No. 2 Connaught Road, 3rd Floor. No. 3, CLIFTON GARDENS, Connaught Road. No. 10, DES VOUX ROAD CENTRAL, in occupation of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. OFFICES in YORK BUILDING. GODOWNS in PRAYA, EAST, BLVD BUILDINGS and No. 16B, Des Vaux Road part to the Hongkong Hotel. FLATS in MONTROSE TERRACE. Apply to—THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LTD., Hongkong, 1st January, 1910. [87]

TO LET

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL, Immediate entry. Apply to—Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Hongkong, 10th December, 1909. [93]

FOR SALE

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A Quantity of NETTING for Tennis Courts, etc. TABLE BILLIARD SETS, SLATE BEDS, from \$40.00. CHINA EXPRESS CO., 3, Duddell Street. [40]

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FOR SALE

REMAINING Portions of MARINE LOT 31 and 36, at PRAYA EAST. Approximate Area, 45,000 Square Feet. TO BE LET OR SOLD IN LOTS TO SUIT TENANTS OR PURCHASERS. Apply to—G. FENWICK & Co., Ltd., ENGINEERS, &c., PRAYA EAST, HONGKONG, Hongkong, 8th June, 1906. [184-168]

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NAPIER JOHNSTONES' "SQUARE BOTTLE" WHISKY.



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W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 18th January, 1910. [187]

NOTICE

HAVING been appointed AGENTS in Hongkong for the **WESTERN ASSURANCE COMPANY,** we are prepared to accept approved European and Chinese Risks at Current Rates.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
Hongkong, 18th August, 1909. [1063]

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.
WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE **OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO.**
TOTAL FUNDS at 31st DECEMBER, 1908 £19,121,310.

I. Authorised Capital £6,000,000
Subscribed Capital 3,275,000
Paid-up Capital 1,212,500 0 0
II. Fire Funds 3,204,753 7 10
The undersigned, AGENTS for the above Company, are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th January, 1909. [908]

ROSSIA INSURANCE COMPANY.

St. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA.
Total Assets...Roubles 73,000,000
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs. **MELCHERS & Co.,** have been appointed our AGENTS in Hongkong.
Referring to the above Notice, we have taken over the Agency of the **ROSSIA INSURANCE COMPANY, St. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA,** and we are prepared to accept Orders for FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE (European and Chinese Risks) at Current Rates.
MELCHERS & Co.,
Insurance Dept.
Hongkong, 25th January, 1910. [218]

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19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
FURNITURE and PHOTO GOODS STORE.
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Hongkong, 31st July, 1907. [1327]

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25, DES VOGES ROAD, CENTRAL.
KODAKS & FILMS
DEVELOPING & PRINTING UNDERTAKEN.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1909. [32]

ON SALE

THE FIFTY YEARS ANGLO-CHINESE CALENDAR
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ANGLO-CHINESE DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

The annual distribution of prizes in connection with the three Anglo-Chinese Government Schools took place at the Saiyungpun School at noon on Saturday. His Excellency the Governor presided, and there were seated on either side of him on the platform Mr. B. A. Irving, Director of Education, and Captain Mitchell-Taylor, A.D.C. The room in which the ceremony took place was prettily decorated with flags and scrolls, while exhibitions of the art work of the pupils were displayed on the walls. The Head Masters of the schools first read their reports—which were, in part, as follows:—

SAIYUNG-PUN.

Mr. MORRIS said:—The year under review is certainly the best on record. The school has been completely full for the whole period and for three months applicants were refused admission. With the limitation of the ages and number of pupils in attendance, there should be greater efficiency. There were several changes in the Staff during the early part of the year, when several new appointments were made. It now consists of three European teachers, seven Anglo-Chinese masters and four vernacular masters, while the two P.T.'s are paid out of the school vote still attend Normal Class at Queen's College. The appointment of a lady teacher has been a great success, and the experiment could with advantage be extended. The average attendance has increased from 297 to 403, and fees from \$6,704 to \$9,152, thus in five years the average has increased eightfold and the fees twofold. This practically represents the "high-water mark," and unless there is a further extension of the building, no further increase can be looked for in the future. A new scale of fees will be introduced on re-opening in March. Boys who formerly paid \$2 will pay \$3 and those admitted subsequent to September, 1909, will pay \$4. Following the practice of former years Swimming was taught successfully during the summer months. Football now claims attention, and thanks to the training of Mr. Barlow, who has taken the matter in hand, we have done well. Out of 7 matches played, 3 were won, 2 drawn, and 2 lost. So that the school occupies the second place in the Junior Division of the "Schools" League. Physical Exercises are taken for a short time every day, and on the completion of the new covered shed a more extended syllabus will be taken. There are free scholars in attendance, two scholarships having been cancelled during the year for irregularity. Last year one of the scholarships to Queen's College was won by our boys, but having a mother to support he was unable to proceed there. At the recent examination we secured six. A team was entered for the Hygiene competition, but up to the present the result is not in hand. From the general results of the half-yearly and annual examinations I have every reason to believe that the school is in a satisfactory state of efficiency. Our thanks are due to all those who subscribed to our various funds, enabling us to purchase two type-writers, and also to Messrs. Li Jing, Ho Tung and Chan Ming Chi, who have kindly presented special prizes.

WANTAI.

Mr. YOUNG HER said:—It has been my good fortune to record, for the past six years, substantial progress all round, and I am happy to say that this is no exception to its predecessors. The total enrollment is 416, as compared with 335 for the preceding year. There is also a marked improvement in the average attendance, which has risen from 255 in 1908 to 308. The fees for new scholars were, for the second term raised to \$3. The total amount collected being \$6,531, an increase of \$1,504 upon that of the previous year. The system of collecting fees in cash instead of stamps was adopted after Midsummer, and has proved a success. The staff was strengthened by the addition of two teachers, a II. and a VI. Grade, and its full complement is ten assistants and myself. The syllabus was altered with a view of raising the standard of the upper division to meet the requirements of the Oxford Preliminary Examination. Punctuality and regularity are very marked; no less than 43 scholars have made the full attendance. Judging by the reports of the year's work, I have every reason to believe that the school is in a satisfactory state of efficiency. My thanks are due to the members of the Staff for their hearty co-operation in bringing the year's work to a successful issue. There were six free scholars in attendance, all of whom did well. The boy Wong U-fong, in whose education Your Excellency is interested, did excellently at the annual examination, securing 1st place in English in Class V, and 2nd place in Chinese in the top Class. Football continues to be the favourite game of the scholars. For the first time in the history of the school, we entered for the Senior League competition this season. So far, we have met with great success, and have practically won the Shield. In the Junior League competition, we still have a chance of winning Your Excellency's Cup. Mr. Wolfe's Challenge Cup, which was won by us two years ago, is still in our possession. A team was entered for the Hygiene competition, the results of which are not yet known. Eleven pupils competed for the Scholarships at Queen's College, of which number seven were successful. We have the honour of heading the list of successful candidates.

YAU-MAT.

Mr. MOORE reported:—The school year started with nearly 300 boys on the roll, and an average attendance of 281. After Midsummer holidays we received instructions not to admit any further applicants and to endeavour in every way to reduce our numbers to the approved limit. Partly on this account and partly because of the increase of the fees from two to three dollars, the attendance

fell off considerably, but even at its lowest was still above the limit. Notwithstanding this, the average attendance for the year is higher than that for the preceding one, being 281 against 224. The fees also show a slight increase over those for last year, being \$5,018, compared with \$4,977. Of the Queen's College Scholarships, competed for in the beginning of 1901, this school was again fortunate in securing three out of the four. The successful students were:—The Yung Sang, 1st, with 93 per cent marks. Chan Tin Sang, 2nd, with 80 per cent marks. Lo Shi Fan, 3rd, also with 80 per cent marks. The fifth boy, Chan Hi Wo, was successful in obtaining the 4th scholarship owing to the winner unfortunately having to give it up because of private troubles. This boy Chan Hi Wo gained a scholarship in 1907 at Tai Po district school in the New Territory, which gave him a four years' course at Yau-mat. During his stay with us he made very rapid progress, completing the four years' course in two. Though he was really over age the scholarship was granted to him as an encouragement to future scholars from these outlying schools, where the pupils come from very poor families. Eleven boys entered Queen's College from this school during the year. Keen interest has been taken in sports, especially in football, and the financial help we have received to our Sports Club from former pupils of the school is a very encouraging item. In closing, I should like to convey the very hearty thanks of the school to those young men who, by their lively interest and practical help, have set such a good example to those who will follow them.

The Governor was then asked to present the prizes.
HIS EXCELLENCY—Ladies and Gentlemen.—The very large increase in the numbers in this school at Saiyungpun has, as you know, compelled the Government to take into consideration a very large extension of the buildings, which is now being completed, and which I think will give entire satisfaction. But, as we heard from the report which Mr. Morris read to us, and also as I hear from the Director of Education, there is still some overcrowding, and recently a large number of boys who were anxious to enter this school have been compelled to be refused admission. This is very satisfactory from one point of view. Since I have been in this Colony, I have been delighted to see the extraordinary demand which has arisen in late years for education, but still I think very strongly that it is a mistake to allow any overcrowding whatever, and it is our duty to see that all those pupils we receive into our Government Schools have sufficient room, not only from the point of view of hygiene and sanitation, but also that individual attention may be given to each scholar, and adequate attention by the masters, whose powers shall not be overtaxed by having classes too large to supervise. You have now completed the first year in this new building, and I am very glad to hear from Mr. Morris that the year has been a successful and prosperous one. The pupils in this school have during the past two years just doubled. Two years ago the average attendance stood at 204, and we heard just now that the average attendance for the past year was 403. To meet this demand during the past year the Government appointed four more Chinese teachers in this school and an English mistress has taken charge of one of the junior Chinese classes. I am exceedingly glad to hear that this new experiment has proved a most signal success. The Director of Education tells me that he considers the staff and organisation of this school are satisfactory. For my own part I must say that I would like to see the English staff of the school increased by at least one English master next year, if it is possible to do so from our funds. (Applause.) In the estimates for the current year, which have been approved by the Legislative Council, the number of scholarships given from the district schools to Queen's College has, as you are aware, been increased from four to seventeen. The examiners who were appointed to select the scholars from the three district schools reported, I regret to say, that Saiyungpun, though the largest of our district schools, had the least satisfactory record; it was beaten by both Wantai and Yau-mat. They reported that the Chinese composition was bad, and they also said that there was something left to be desired in the manners of the boys. Now, I hope that you will take these things to heart and that during the coming year you will endeavour to make improvement, especially in these two matters, so that next year, if I am able to come to this school to distribute the prizes, I may be able to congratulate you on some substantial improvement. On the other hand, I am very glad to hear a very good report on the hygiene examination for Saiyungpun. Both the Director of Education and the Headmaster comment upon the great use and advantage of the excursions which have been made from time to time during the past year, and I thoroughly agree with what they say. I think that these excursions, in the form of bathing parties and picnics, are invaluable from every point of view; not only from the point of view of health, but also because they afford the opportunity of obtaining recreation with instruction. The masters are able to give simple instruction in natural history, botany and geology; also in various things which the boys see when on these picnics, which bring the boys and masters in closer touch, and I hope during the coming year that these excursions will be continued and extended. The average attendance of this school has now reached 400, that is to say, that Saiyungpun is now the third largest school in this Colony, and I hope that you will realise and live up to the position which you ought to occupy as one of the leading upper grade schools of the Colony. I hope that possibly the proximity of the University to you

will stimulate effort and healthy competition, and that you will realise, as I say, that you are the third biggest school in Hongkong, and that you ought to take the third place both in sports and in work. This is the first time that I have distributed the prizes here. I hope next year to be able again to distribute them here, and to be able to congratulate you on your improvement and on your success. I wish you all very pleasant holidays and a happy New Year. (Applause.)
His Excellency then distributed the prizes after which Mr. Morris tendered the thanks of those present to the Governor for his attendance, and the proceedings ended.

THE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTION.

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The following constituencies have yet to be heard from. Their present colour is indicated by the letters which follow each name.

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Droitwich L.	Mansfield L.
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Elgin Burghs L.	Orkney and Shetland L.
Fife (W.) L.	Ross and Cromarty L.
Glasgow and Aberdeen L.	Wick Burghs U.
IRELAND (103 MEMBERS).	
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Antrim (S.) U.	Dublin Co. (S.) U.
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